

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 486
By McAfee

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cora Beasley Sweatt
on being named Athens Area Chamber of
Commerce Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, each year after a careful and thoughtful analysis of several possible choices, the past mothers of the year name the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Mother of the Year; and

WHEREAS, this year Cora Beasley Sweatt was selected for this special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Cora was born on November 20, 1939, in Wingfield, Alabama, the seventh of ten children; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, at the University of Alabama, she met Kirby Sweatt, who she married in 1958; and

WHEREAS, this blessed union produced three successful children, two sons, Kirby L. Sweatt II and William A. "Bill" Sweatt, and a daughter, Sue Sweatt McCusker. The couple moved to Athens in 1974 and she has strongly supported her husband's business, which has grown and prospered; and

WHEREAS, she generously contributes her time and talent to helping children and youth in a variety of activities and groups, including extending her home as a surrogate mother to local foreign college students, operating a highly regarded family day-care home for 180 children for twenty years, and expertly mentoring the children's parents, conducting Summer Vacation Bible

School, participating in school functions and fundraisers, and serving as a Charter member and Treasurer of the McMinn County Association of Young Children; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian and active member of the First Baptist Church of Athens, Cora has worked diligently as the informative teacher of a Sunday School class, in the important post of director of the Sunday School Department, as the Monthly Study Leader of a Baptist Women's group, as a valued member of the church choir (acapella group-harp singers), in the International Ministry of the church and as director of the Sacred Harp Publishing Company; and

WHEREAS, she has also worked for the Friends of the Library, the Heritage Museum, garden clubs and in political rallies; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize this fine community leader; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Cora Beasley Sweatt on being chosen Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Mother of the Year and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copy.